# HOUSE INDIAN COMMITTEE.

Important Measures Considered And Agreed Upon.

#### SOME INDIAN APPROPRIATIONS

Washington, Jan. 23.-The house committee on Indian affairs has practically finished consideration of the Indian appropriation bill. Among the Items of interest to the West in an amendment of Delegate Flynn's appropriating \$10,000 in support of the Whitaker orphan home at Pryor Creek. O. T. The committee decided to embody an item appropriating \$75,000 for the education of white children in the Indian territory and \$5,000 for the care of the blind.

Mr. Flynn secured the adoption of an amendment extending the time for leasing allotted lands for farms and Mr. Flynn secured the adoption of grazing purposes in Oklahoma from three to five years, and authorizing the Pottawatomies and absentee Shawnees and the Pottawatomies who secure their lands under the act of 1872 to sell all lands allotted them except eighty acres.

Mr. Flynn also secured an amendment authorizing the sale of lands of deceased Pottawatomie absentees. Shawnees and Miamis.

He further secured the consent of the committee to attach the Kiowa and Comanche agreement to the bill, which provides for the allotment of the lands of these Indians in severalty.

Mr. Curtis, of Kansas, secured the adoption of an amendment abolishing the Quapaw Indian school and providing for the establishment of public schools in its place.

#### Waste of Money in Books.

Topeka, Jan. 22.-The attention of the legislature will be called, at its next session, to the useless expenditure of public funds for the publication of House and Senate journals. There are at least five tons of the books giving the proceedings of the last sesssion in one of the vaults in the State house. They are doing nobody any good, and are simply in the way. Less than 500 copies of each will fill the demand after each session, and there will be a recommendation that the number be limited to that.

#### India's Terrible Famine.

Calcutta, Jan, 22.—The council considered the famine situation. The official estimates show the cost to the government of the relief work, etc., to the end of March will be 40,000,000 rupees. About 22,000,000 persons are now affected in British territory and about 27,000,000 in the native states. The vicerov said that the famine area has expanded, surpassing the worst fears, and they were now facing a cat." tle; water and food searcity of a terrible character. About 3,250,000 persons, he continued, were already receiving

## Regarded as Unfriendly.

house of representatives has placed it constitutional powers of the court. seyond dispute that congress will not only pass the Nicaragua canal bill, but

serious importance, and we hesitate to pected admission, but which is now believe that the United States govern- denied them. Nearly all of these old ment will commit itself to a course men have arrived here without any which this country would have to re- money and do not know where to go or gard as unfriendly."

men, only they're not curious about as shortly afterwards learned that he many things.

## No Open Door in Philippines.

Wasa.ngton, Jan. 19.-It is said without reservation at the state de- intendent of immigration has received partment, that no notes have been reeeived from any European powers making demands upon this government ly 14,000 settlers from the republic respecting the "open door" and the have become residents of Canada dur-Philippines. Such communications as ing the past year. An estimate places have come from the continental powers | the wealth of these persons at \$2,000, have been entirely favorable to the 000. The prospects for increasing the proposition made by the United States number of settlers from the United respecting China, and all that remains States during the season of 1900 are to make the "open door" negotiations a very encouraging. Kansas and Arkancomplete success is reducing the arrangement to an absolute and final who came.

## Quarantine Established.

Topeka, Jan. 19. - The Kansas board of health has established a quarantine occupied the hills beyond Potgleter's against Wagoner, South McAlester and Drift, fifteen miles west of Colenso. He Muskogee, I. T., and Kay county, Ok- followed up the movement by shelling lahoma, owing to the existence of the Boer trenches. In Cape Colony smallpox there. The railroads have General Methuen has made a demonbeen ordered to stop the sale of tickets stration in force, shelling the Boer from those points to Kansas and armed works. General Gatacre is skirmishguards are stationed along the southern ing around Monteno and General Kansas line to enforce the order of French has been throwing a few shelly quarantine.

## Kentucky Killer Indicted.

jury has indicted ex-Congressman try of thieving has been discovered by David Colson, who was colonel of the the local police. A gang of thieves has der on two counts. The first charges journal boxes of freight cars in the the willful murder of Lieutenant railroad yards and where the thief is

#### CONGRESSIONAL NEWS.

What is Being Done in The Fifty-Sixtb General Assembly.

JANUARY SIXTEENTH. The secretary of the navy appeared before the Senate committee on naval affairs in advocacy of the construction of a Pacific cable. The survey has been completed. The estimated cost is \$10,000,000. The entire length of the cable is estimated at \$,294 knots, which allowed to per cent for slack. The present expense of the war department alone, for messages to Manila, is about \$1,000 a day.

The House considered the deficiency appropriation bill. Chairman Cannon of the committee reporting the bill made a general explanation of its items. Mr. Cannon criticised the postoffice department for expending more than had been appropriated for rural free delivery; as shown by the item of \$150,000 asked for in this bill as a deficiency. Chairman Lally of the committee on public lands has prepared a substitute for Delegate Flyan's free homes will.

JANUARY SEVENTEENTH.

Senator Hoar's resolution of inquiry for gen-al information regarding the Phillippine was a discussed and passed without division-nator Hale's resolution asking information seizures of American flour by British war ips, was decided to be unwise to take action ereon at this time. The senate agreed to vote on the financial bill February 15.

Senate met at 1 o'clock after the unveiling of the statue of Danuel Webster.

Senator Ross (Vt.) offered a resolution declaring that as the national constitution does not unaided by congress, extend over the new lineular possessions; that sover-gnty has been acquired over Puerto Rice and the Philippines, by treaty by the United States, and that this government is under duly to exercise sovereignty for the general welfare of the inhabitants, a separate government is demanded to take charge of them.

Senator Wellington, in an extended speech, argued for independence for the Flippino. He said Admiral Dewey had to stay at Manils to suppress anarchy and chaos. JANUARY EIGHTEENTH

of the government printing office.

JANUARY NINETEENTH.

The Senate passed Senator Alien's (Neb.) resolution calling on the president if not incompatible for information as to whether any ropresentative of the Transval had applied to the United States government for recognition and if such application had been made; and if it had been accepted.

The Senate passed the bill authorizing the use of stone instead of wood in the construction of dry docks at the navy yards. The financial bill was then taken up. Senate adjourned until Monday.

Mr. Corliss (Mich.) introduced a bill for contruction of the Pacific cable to the Philippines appropriates \$500,000 and limits the cost t \$000,000.

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A bill was passed to extend the time for building a bridge across the Mississippi river at St. Charles, Mo.

Mr. Payne (N. Y.) introduced a bill to extend the custom laws of the United States to Puerto Rico. That would mean free trade between the States and Puerto Rico. The pension appropriation bill engaged the attention of the house during most of the session.

JANUARY TWENTY-SECOND Senator Turner (Wash.) addressed the Senate on the Philippine question. His discussion took a wide range. It charged periety and bad faith on the part of the government.

Senator Platt (N. Y.) offered a joint resolution authorizing the president to invite the government of Great Britain to join in an international commission to examine and report on the diversion of waters that are boundaries of the two countries.

#### Another Law Squelched.

Kansas City, Kan., Jan. 23 .- The Harris law, which prescribes jury trials for persons charged with contempt of court, was declared unconstitutional by Judge William G. Holt in the Common Pleas court here. The law was passed in 1897. It was designed to take away from the judges of the courts the right to punish per-London, Jan. 23 .- The Daily Chroni- sons charged with contempt of court tele says editorially: "According to ad- and give them the right of trial by vices, we have received from Washing- jury. Judge Holt holds that the law ton, a canvas of the senate and the is an abridgement or restriction of the

## Old Soldiers Kept Out.

Leavenworth, Jan. 23 .- Since quar will pass it in a form directly at vari- antine has been established at the Solance with the Clayton-Bulwer treaty. diers' home a number of old veterans "This is a statement of decidedly have arrived in the city who fully exwhat to do. An old veteran arrived on Men may be just as curious as wo- the Burlington from Nebraska and could not be admitted at present.

Is This True of Kansans? Toronto, Ont., Jan. 18 .- The superreports from most of his agents in the United States and estimates that nearsas supplied the greater part of those

## General Buller Gains Position

London, Jan. 19 .- General Buller completely surprised the Boers and at the Boers at Rensberg.

Disabling Freight Cars. Frankfort, Ky., Jan. 23.-The grand Wichita, Jan. 23.-A peculiar indus-Fourth Kentucky regiment, for mur- been stealing the packing from the Ethelbert Scott, one of the principals not a man who needs the fire himself in the triple tragedy, and the other he sells the stuff for fuel. On account with the murder of Luther M. De- of the toughness of the material and marce, one of the bystanders who was the oil it contains a bunch of it will killed. It is understood that more burn for 3 or 4 hours. Packing was expert marksmen, rough riders and from Kansas City were arrested and testimony is to be heard as to the kill stolen from 190 of the Santa Fe cars here and about 85 of the Frisco's.

#### MEXICO. EARTHQUAKE

Much Damage to Property---Some Loss of Life.

bridge was partly wrecked. The sub- be done by doing so. Later it conclusuburbs, was cracked and will be closed for repairs.

quake shock began here at a quarter in. before midnight Friday and assumed serious proportions at Tenimata, many houses being badly injured and some of light construction were wrecked. There was great consternation and people rushed into the streets, some barely escaping with their lives. Seven people were killed ontright and sixty were wounded.

night Friday an earthquake shock cracked the arches and staircase of the palace and the porticos of the University and the De Gallado theater, the latter one of the most massive structures here. The churches of San Francisco and San Jose were damaged. The former is one of the hand-omest edifices on the continent, and is locally known as the golden cup, from the magnificence of its interior. The government has closed Sagracio church, fearing the dome will fall. News from Zapatlan and Zarula state that several houses were demolished. The shock was felt severely at San Blas, on the Pacific, and noises underground were heard, resembling the hoarse rumbling of a heavy sea dashing on shore.

Vera Cruz, Mex., Jan. 23 .- The earthquake traveled across the country, reaching here just after midnight Saturday morning. The shock was comparatively light here.

Chickasaw Incompetents' Fund. Washington, Jan. 22.-Assistant Attorney General VanDeventer, of the interior department, has rendered a decision which was approved by Secretary of the Interior Hitchcock, upon the act passed by the Chickasaw council for the distribution per capita of what is known as the "Incompetents' fund" of the Chickasaw nation. In the original treaty between the United States and the Chickasaws it was provided that certain lands should be sold to create the fund for the incompetents of the nation. This fund amounts now to \$216,000. Under the decision just approved, the incompetents or their descendants, if they can be found and identified, are entitled to the interest on the original amount set aside, and the remainder of the fund can be distributed by the Chickasaw nation.

Chicago, Jan. 19.-Trading in puts and calls or the payment of any money in connection therewith will hereafter be a dishonorable transaction if carried on in the exchange room of the board of trade. That much was decided by the adoption of a resolution at the first meeting held by the new directors of the board.

This is the first action in the reform movement which carried the new of-ficers and five new directors into

## Samoan Treaty Ratified.

Washington, Jan. 18.-The senate has ratified the Samoan treaty without division. The ratification occurred in the executive session after two hours of debate which was participated in by a number of senators.

The friends of the treaty repudiated the assertion that the old treaty provisions were annulled. They claimed that this country by the new arrangement retains all the old advantages and avoids the complication liable to grow out of the tripartite agreement. They urged that the opportunity should not be lost, both to get out of an awkward predicament and to control in our own right the harbor of Pago-Pago.

## Spanish Prisoners Arrive.

former Spanish prisoness and their and gave assistance to the sufferers.

## More Troops From Canada.

London, Jan. 23 .- Lord Lans lowne, secretary of state for war, accepted the case of Amos Phillips, the Bates county offer of Lord Strathcona, Canadian farmer charged with the murder of wide, distinct from the Canadian con- of murder in the first degree. A new tingents, a force of at least 400 mount- trial will be asked for. ed men from Manitoba, Northwest Territory and British Columbia, and to souri, also, and started south in a arm, equip and convey them to South wagon. Near Fort Scott he was mur-Africa at his own expense. All will be dered, and two brothers named Silbee, scouts. It is estimated that the offer convicted. Phillips has made several Queen Victoria's list of descendants. will involve an expenditure of £200,000. | confessions but has repudiated them.

## MAGNETIC HEALERS BARRED.

The Kansas Charter Board Assume Great Wisdom

Topeka, Jan. 22 .- Magnetic healing concerns hereafter it is likely will not be permitted to operate under the sanction of the Kansas laws. Within FROM PACIFIC TO THE GULF, the past few weeks a half dozen of these enterprises have made application City of Mexico, Jan. 23 .- News is ar- for charters. They have all been held riving from the interior points affected up. The board is investigating their by the earthquake Friday night and operations. Up to date nothing has Saturday morning. Much damage was been found in their plan of work that done to property in Guadalajara and entitles them to a charter under the the City of Colima was the scene of new law. Unless a discovery is made terrific experiences, accompanied with that requires the board to issue them loss of life. The City of Mexico came charters, which is unlikely, their applioff comparatively unscathed in the cations will be denied. Some time ago quake, few accidents occurring here or the board issued charters to two conin the suburbs, although some adobe cerns of this kind. At that time it was huts in the suburbs fell in and one in doubt but thought no damage could terranean electric light installation ded that possibly no good could be acwas not harmed. The Church of the complished and held up other applica-Three Kings at Atzechazalco, in the tions of that sort. In case it is finally determined that such concerns have no legal right to have a charter the two Colima, Mex., Jan. 23 .- An earth- charters already issued will be called

#### Trying to Raise the Quarantine.

Topeka, Jan. 23.-Chief Surgeon J. P Kaster has visited Oklahoma to make an effort to raise the quarantine declared by the Kansas board of health against Oklahoma. He has arranged to take the members of the territorial board of health on a special train to Guadalajara, Mex., Jan. 23 .- At mid- points along the Santa Fe to secure & correct statement of the situation at each point, then lay his evidence before the Kansas board. Dr. Kaster hopes to have the quarantine raised at once and thereby prevent a serious blow to commerce between Oklahoma and Kansas. Strict quarantine has been declared and the news created intense excitement.

#### General Anderson Retired.

Chicago, Jan. 23.—Brigadier General Thomas M. Anderson, commander of the department of the lakes, was relieved from active duty under the law which requires army officers to retire at the age of 64.

General Anderson is a nephew of Major Anderson of Fort Sumpter fame and led the first United States forces to land in the Philippines. He entered the army as a private in the Sixth Ohio infantry and served throughout the rebellion receiving a captain's commission in May, 1861. He was made a brigadier general in the regular army March 30, 1899.

#### Buller Makes an Advance.

London, Jan. 23.-The war office posted the following dispatch from General Buller, dated Spearman's Camp, January 20, evening:

"General Clery, with a part of General Warren's force, has been in action from 6 a. m. till 7 p. m. today. By a judicious use of his artillery, he has fought his way up, capturing ridge after ridge for about three miles. "The troops are now bivouacking or

the ground he has gained, but the main position is still in front of them. "The casualties were not heavy. About 100 wounded had been brought in by 6:30 p. m."

## Extension of Rural Delivery.

Washington, Jan. 20.-Second Assistin proper receptacles placed along their line of travel. This plan will be started in South Carolina beginning July 1, and will be extended to other parts of the country as rapidly as possible. This innovation makes neces sary a change in the postal regulation which forbids mail contractors and their drivers access to the mail matter or any mail locks or keys.

## Kansas Penitentiary Quarantined.

Wichita, Jan. 20,-Just after officers had started with the three hank robbers who were sentenced to terms in the penitentiary, the following message reached the Sheriff's office: "To all Sheriffs of Kansas and Oklahoma: Gentlemen-I have placed the Kansas state penitentiary under strict quanantine rules and therefore will receive no more prisoners until further notice. Please govern yourselves accordingly. -J. B. Tomlinson, warden."

Kansas Agricultural College. Topeka, Jan. 20.-An official report received by Governor Stanley shows that the state agricultural college, under the present management, is in a flourishing condition. The attendance for the first week in the January term Barcelona, Jan. 30.-The Spanish was 888, as against 673 for the same trans-Atlantic steamer Leo XIII has week last year, an increase of 32 per arrived here from the Philippines with cent. The expense of maintaining the in full, February 1. It failed one year institution for the last six months of families. A majority of them are in a 1899 was 22 per cent less than that for ed by the court for the successful and sition was met and overcome in a skirlamentable plight. The town authori- the corresponding months of 1898. Gov- speedy manner in winding up the ties and the Red Cross agents met them ernor Stanley was very much gratified bank's affairs. with the showing.

## The Third One Convicted.

Fort Scott, Jan. 23.—The jury in the

Edlinger was from Bates county Mis-

# PENSION SHARKS ATTACKED.

Mr. Curtis Leads an Assault Upon Commissioner Evans.

## ATTORNEY'S FEES HELD UP.

Washington, Jan. 22,-Pension approoriation bill, carrying \$145,245,250, is bassed by the house. It was made the chiele of an attack upon the commissioner of pensions by Mr. Curtis, of Kansas, who was seconded by Mr. entz and Mr. Norton of Ohio, Mr. Robinson of Indiana and others. All nveighed against the lack of liberality n the administration of the pension aws. The commissioner was ably deended by a score of members from ooth sides of the house. Mr. Mahan Rep., Pa.) charged that the assault pon him had been instigated by the pension sharks" of this city, who were obbing the old soldiers.

After a prolonged discussion in committee of the whole the bill was reported to the house with the following amendment: "Provided, that the commissioner of pensions shall furnish all necessary blanks to claimants and that said commissioner may in his discretion refuse to pay the fee to attorney of record when he is satisfied that said attorney failed to prepare the case under his or her personal supervision and did not discharge his full duty to

The amendment was promptly agreed to by the house and the bill was then passed.

#### Summary of Kansas Weather. Lawrence, Kas., Jan. 23.—Chancellor Snow of Kansas University makes this summary of the weather that prevailed in Kansas during 1899: "The year 1899 and the coldest February, the calmest July and the warmest October and No-

vember in the past thirty years. It in New Mexico. had the coldest day, the coldest week, and, with one exception, lowest temperature recorded during that period. The range of temperature for the year 121 degrees, has been exceeded only three times. There were less than the average number of zero days, fogs and thunderstorms, January, May, August,

#### A Pack Train Captured.

were cooler than usual.

October and November were warmer

than usual, while the remaining months

Manila, Jan. 23 .- Pack train twenty ponies transporting rations between Santo Tomas and San Pablo, Laguna province, escorted by fifty men under Lieutenant Ralston Thirteenth Infantry was ambushed; two men killed, five wounded, nine missing; pack train lost; lieutenant and thirty-four men re- taching Captain Sigsbee from the comturned to Santo Tomas with killed and mand of the Texas and assigning him wounded, affair being investigated, to the head of the naval intelligence Doret Forty-fifth infantry found in- bureau. surgents in Batangas mountains prepared in ambush to meet him; he killed eight, wounded three, captured seven- improved conditions. The doctors say teen, one Spaniard, six rifles; his casnalties two men slightly wounded.

## OTIS.

France Wants American Couplers. deputies practically the whole week tries. Burmah is also able to supply was devoted to the discussion of the a practically unlimited quantity to the railway budget, during which several Indian famine district. speakers compared a number of feaant Postmaster General Shellenberger | tures of French railway workings with | employes killed and 5,339 injured upon has found that it is feasible to permit the American system. M. Vallant Social- 89 roads, against 200 killed and 5,484 carriers on star routes to deposit mail ist, deputy representing one of the Seine injured in 1898, a result attributed to districts, demanded the adoption of the more general equipment of the automatic car couplers, declaring that roads with safety appliances. half the mortality among French railway men was due to the imperfect French system of couplers. The diact as an expert in providing the state rector of railways replied that the department with information in conmatter was under consideration and that undoubtedly a suitable system would shortly be instituted.

## Right Under Their Noses.

London, Jan. 18.—The Transvaal correspondent of the Times says: "The or society leaves San Francisco this Delagoa Bay correspondent of the Natal Times asserts that six big Cruesot guns and fifty tons of shells were landed from the French steamer Gironde the noses of two British warships and were dispatched to Pretoria, causing much rejoicing at the ease with which contraband of war can run the block-

#### Refused Ten Thousand Dollars. St. Joseph. Mo., Jan. 19 .- Receiver

court and depositors by serving notice Fort Leavenworth. that he will not accept one cent for his services. He is entitled to \$10,000. R. A. Brown, receiver's attorney, volun-\$2,500. The bank will pay depositors rank of captain. ago. The receiver is warmly commend-

#### A Fecund Race. London, Jan. 23 .- The announce-

ment is made that the year 1900 will give the queen several new great grand tion for a hearing on February 13 at high commissioner in London, to pro- Leopold Edlinger, brought in a verdict their appearance, the crown princess women suffragists is in session at Henry of Prussia having been delivered | Washington, D. C. of a son. The Duke of York expects other grandchildren are entertaining similar expectations. The ezar and the crown princess of Greece and Prin-

#### COMPLETE MARKET REPORTS. Kansas City.

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#### THE LATEST NEWS IN BRIEF.

Russia is making a loan to Korea of \$12,000,000.

Waseka, Illinois, has lost its Masonic temple by fire.

General Joe Wheeler will return to the United States making a stop at

Senator Baker has introduced a bill creating a preserve for American bison

Governor General Wood and Generals Chaffee and Ludlow are making a two weeks tour through Cuba.

Patrick O'Donnell, a window washer of Chicago, has \$2,500,000 as heir of the Ball estate in Philadelphia. It is said that parliament, which is

to convene January 30, will be asked for a further war credit of £20,000,000. Sir Thomas Lipton, the man of the yacht race, has owned a meat preserv-

ing and pork packing plant in Chicago In the Portuguese chamber of deputies the minister of foreign affairs said that Portugal would neither sell, cede

or release any of her colonies. Orders have been issued formally 4e-

The Havana yellow fever statistics since the beginning of the year show that the next four months will proba-

bly be almost free from the disease. The Burmese rice crop has broken the record. Over 3,020,000 tons will be Paris, Jan. 23.-In the chamber of available for export to foreign coun-

During the year 1899, there were 199

A Dane who is fully informed concerning the West Indies, has offered to nection with the contemplated purchase from Denmark of its West Indian possessions.

Rev. Dr. Francis E. Clark, founder and president of the Christian Endeavweek for the Orient.

The Frisco and Santa Fe business at Paris, Texas, has been done on the joint plan, but this is to be changed about the middle of last month under by the Santa Fe building a roundhouse and depot of its own.

> The Washington correspondent of the Topeka Capital says that the much published statement that Senator Harris has dismissed W. H. Sears, his privata secretary, is not true. The house committee on military

Milton Tootle, of the Central Savings affairs acted favorably on making \$100,bank, has sprung a surprise on the 000 available for a military hospital at

The senate has confirmed Ralph Ingalls, second son of the ex-senator; to be commissary in the quartermaster's tarily surrenders one-half his fees, or department in the Philippines, with

The French have occupied the oasis of Insalat, in the Sahara. Some oppomish. The question is whether Morocco will acquiesce.

The judiciary committee of the house unanimously agreed to grant the request of the Woman Suffrage Associahildren. Two have already made the time the national convention of

Some time ago the American forces to again become a father, while several captured a large part of the official records of Aguinaldo's so-called government. The records now are on their way to Washington. That they concess Feodora of Reuss will also add to tain matter implicating some prominent men in America is to be expected.